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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA Officials:

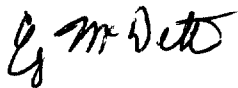
After seeing film footage and reading numerous articles regarding the abuse and mistreatment of downed animals in stockyards and slaughterhouses, we feel compelled to write to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1, which would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. It's appalling to know that such cruelty is legally allowed to go on in our agricultural industry.

If the above reasons are not convincing, the increase of Mad Cow Disease is a definite threat to the American population. Sickly animals do not belong in our nation's diet.

The United States of America is supposed to be a world leader in civility and compassion. Let us live up to these values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Edward McDermott

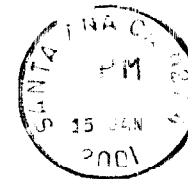


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